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TAKASHI YUZAWA, et al.

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For: SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD USING ELECTRIC DISCHARGE, AND AN
ELECTRODE FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of voluntary disclosure under Rule 56, and for the
Examiner's convenience, we submit herewith:

- a) a form PTO-1449 listing thirteen (13) references of potential relevancy; and,
- b) a complete copy of each reference.

No certification or fee is required.

Regarding the concise explanation of relevancy requirement for foreign language
documents, an English-language summary is attached for each foreign language document not
already cited in the ISR.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such
document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not

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waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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